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The City inspects more than 23,000 elevators, escalators, moving sidewalks and wheelchair lifts annually. That is why I conducted an audit of the Department of Building and Safety's Elevator Inspection Program.

A relatively modest 150 accidents are reported annually -- mostly due to escalator passengers losing their balance and falling. Some 60% of these escalator accidents occurred at LAX -- which sees about 80 million passengers annually.

Our City's inspection and oversight of more than 23,000 elevators, escalators and other people-movers is largely safe thanks to diligent testing and well-trained inspectors.

However, the City can do more to reduce accidents, improve available information for the public and reduce overtime costs. We want to make sure that Los Angeles residents and visitors have a safe journey every time they ride an elevator, escalator or other people-mover.

[Read the audit here](#)

The Power of Open Data

Controller Galperin testifies at the LAUSD Board Meeting Jan. 16

A 21st century school district deserves 21st century solutions. That's why I spoke before the LAUSD School Board in support of their push for open data. Data transparency will give parents, teachers and students new tools to see how our schools are performing and spending. I'm also proud to partner with the Board on strategies and maps that will make more LAUSD data more accessible than ever. Together, we can help Los Angeles have a brighter, more open future.

Marching Toward Inclusivity

Women's rights are human rights, which is why I lent my voice - and feet - to the 2nd annual Women's March last weekend. The rhetoric coming out of the White House is unacceptable, which is why we must demand that we shut down discrimination, shut down xenophobia, homophobia, racism and sexism. We stood together on Saturday and we will continue standing up for what's right.

Parsing Parcels

Photo/LA Controller

Los Angeles has about 9,000 parcels of land, which I detailed in my groundbreaking [Property Panel LA](#). Last week, I took part in a wide ranging discussion at the [Westside Urban Forum](#) on how we can smartly, transparently and efficiently make the best use out of those parcels. Learn more about it [here](#),

A Dream Continues

Controller Ron Galperin rides in the Annual Kingdom Day Parade (Controller's Office).

Thank you to the organizers of the Kingdom Day Parade for having us and reinforcing Dr. King's legacy to each day live our values.

What will you do to make your world a better place today?

Homeless Count Begins

Unhoused Angelenos may have temporary shelter on a city-owned lot at the corner of Arcadia and Alameda streets. (Luis Sinco / Los Angeles Times)

Los Angeles continues to be amid one of the largest epidemics in its history. Homelessness affects us all and we all have a responsibility to help our fellow Angelenos.

Last year, I released a review of City homeless tent and encampment policies but, here's the truth: We all need to do more and the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count is your opportunity.

We don't know what we don't count. As Controller, I am reminded of that everyday. With an accurate homeless count, the County can help direct vital resources to help families and teens and those living without knowing what tomorrow may bring. Everyone counts.

The homeless count is your opportunity to help homeless veterans and the thousands forced to the streets from abusive relationships.

[Wherever you live, find an opportunity to volunteer over the next three days.](#)

Saving Our Stormwater

A valuable source of stormwater (photo/LAstormwater.org)

In a drought-prone city like Los Angeles, everyone knows water conservation is key and recent rainstorms have reminded us all that L.A. should be saving every drop we can. I was heartened to hear the Department of Water and Power discussing how they're moving forward with recommendations from my [Audit of Recycled Water Programs](#) to increase our use of stormwater instead of relying on imported water from other regions. Learn more on [Southern California Public Radio](#).

Shining a Blue Light on Human Trafficking

On #WearBlueDay, my staff wore blue to raise awareness about human trafficking. Few people realize that there are 25 million victims of human trafficking worldwide and many

victims right here in Los Angeles. From commercial sex exploitation of young children to immigrants forced to work for free under the threat of deportation, trafficking comes in many forms and places. If you see signs of trafficking or think someone may need help, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.

Nothing Transforms a City Like Green Space

Green spaces transform community, improve our environment, and bring people of all ages together. Hollywood Central Park is working to make green space a more permanent fixture in Los Angeles.

Last year, my office mapped and graded 40 L.A. parks so you could have the data you need to advocate for improvements to your local park. Learn more at parkgrade.la.

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